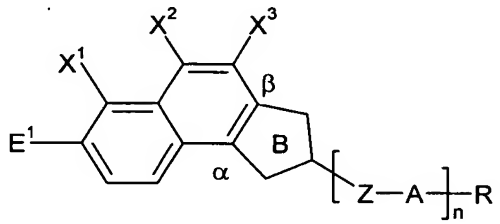
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) Cyclopenta[a]naphthalene derivative of the general formula I, II, III, IV or V



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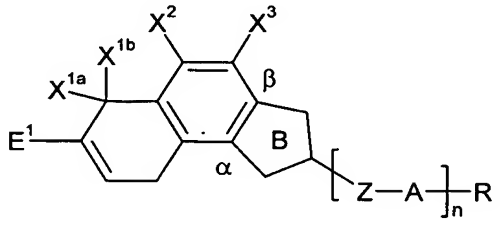

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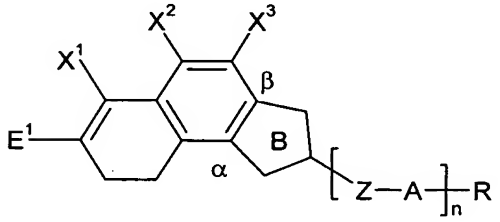

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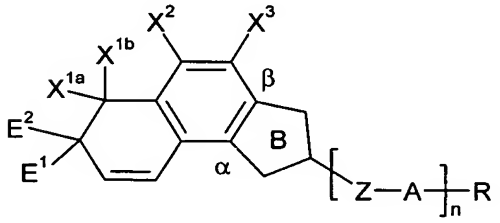

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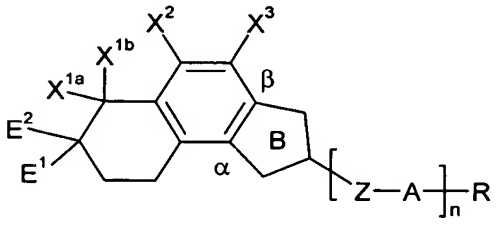

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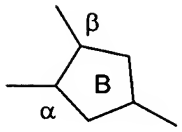
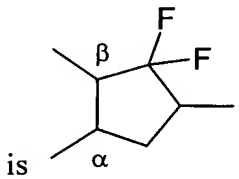
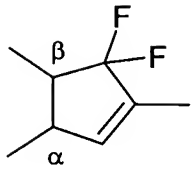
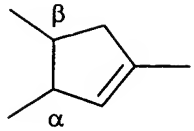
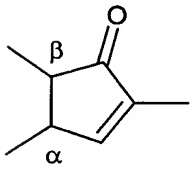
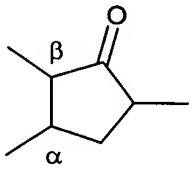
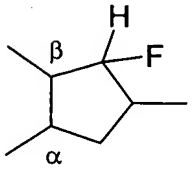
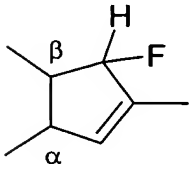
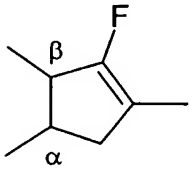
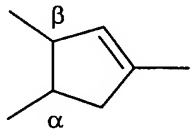


is  **a** ,  **b** ,  **c** ,

 **d** ,  **e** ,  **f** ,

 **g** ,  **h** or  **i** ;

A is in each case, independently of one another, 1,4-phenylene, in which =CH- may be replaced once or twice by =N-, and which may be monosubstituted to tetrasubstituted, independently of one another, by halogen (-F, -Cl, -Br, -I), -CN, $-CH_3$, $-CH_2F$, $-CHF_2$, $-CF_3$, $-OCH_3$, $-OCH_2F$, $-OCHF_2$ or $-OCF_3$, 1,4-cyclohexylene, 1,4-cyclohexenylene or 1,4-cyclohexadienylene, in which $-CH_2-$ may in each case be replaced once or twice, independently of one another, by -O- or -S- in such a way that heteroatoms are not linked directly, and which all may be monosubstituted or polysubstituted by halogen;

Z is in each case, independently of one another, a single bond, a double bond, $-CF_2O-$, $-OCF_2-$, $-CH_2CH_2-$, $-CF_2CF_2-$, $-CF_2-CH_2-$, $-CH_2-CF_2-$, -CHF-CHF-, -C(O)O-, -OC(O)-, $-CH_2O-$, $-OCH_2-$, -CF=CH-, -CH=CF-, -CF=CF-, -CH=CH- or -C≡C-;

R is hydrogen, an alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl or alkynyl radical having from 1 to 15 or 2 to 15 carbon atoms respectively which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by -CN or $-CF_3$ or at least monosubstituted by halogen, where, in addition, one or more CH_2 groups in these radicals may each, independently of one another, be replaced by

-O-, -S-, -CO-, -COO-, -OCO- or -OCO-O- in such a way that heteroatoms are not linked directly, halogen, -CN, -SCN, -NCS, $-SF_5$, $-CF_3$, $-OCF_3$, $-OCHF_2$ or $-OCH_2F$;

X^1, X^{1a}, X^{1b}, X^2 and X^3 are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, an alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl or alkynyl radical having from 1 to 15 or 2 to 15 carbon atoms respectively which is unsubstituted or at least monosubstituted by halogen, where, in addition, one or more CH_2 groups in these radicals may each, independently of one another, be replaced by -O-, -S-, -CO-, -COO-, -OCO- or -OCO-O- in such a way that heteroatoms are not linked directly, halogen, -CN, $-SF_5$, -SCN, -NCS, $-CF_3$, $-OCF_3$, $-OCHF_2$ or $-OCH_2F$;

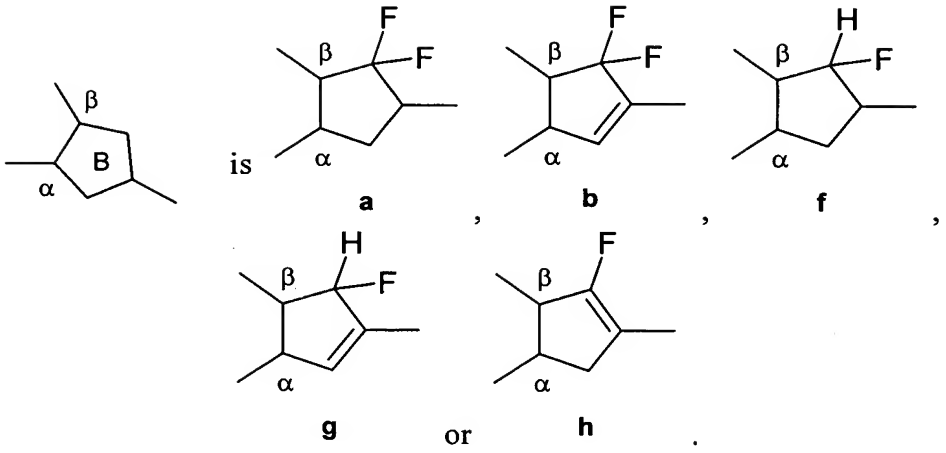
E^1 and E^2 are each, independently of one another, hydrogen, an alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl or alkynyl radical having from 1 to 15 or 2 to 15 carbon atoms respectively which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by -CN or $-CF_3$ or at least monosubstituted by halogen, where, in addition, one or more CH_2 groups in these radicals may each, independently of one another, be replaced by -O-, -S-, -CO-, -COO-, -OCO- or -OCO-O- in such a way that heteroatoms are not linked directly, halogen, -CN, -SCN, -NCS, $-SF_5$, $-CF_3$, $-OCF_3$, $-OCHF_2$, $-OCH_2F$ or $-(-Z-A-)_n-R$; and

n is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

where

in the formula I, ring B does not stand for the formula **c** if X^1, X^2 and X^3 are simultaneously hydrogen, and
in the formula I, ring B does not stand for the formula **e** if X^2 and X^3 are simultaneously fluorine or if E^1 is hydrogen and simultaneously X^1 and X^2 are fluorine.

2. (Original) Cyclopenta[a]naphthalene derivative according to Claim 1, characterised in that

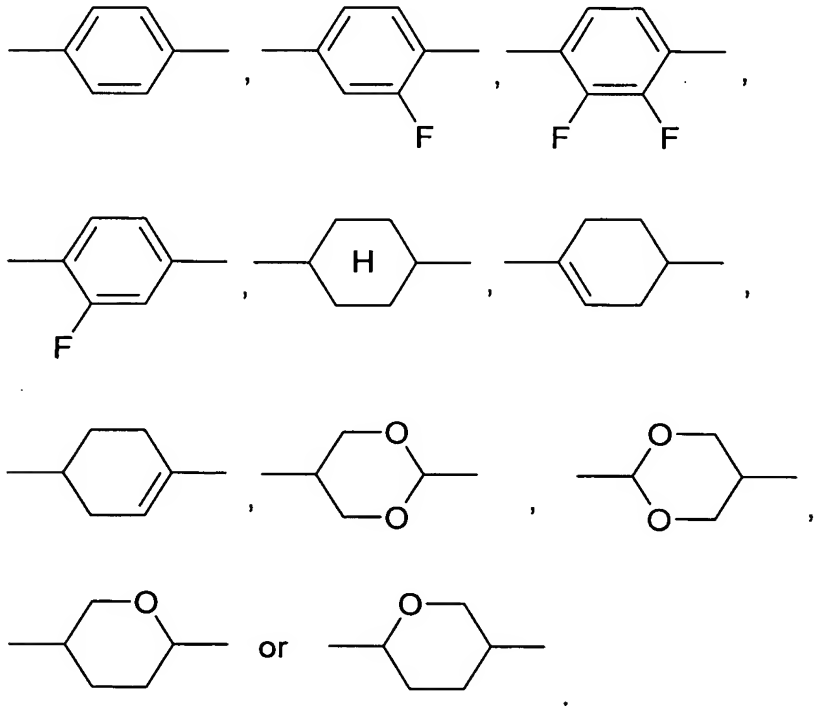


3. (Currently Amended) Cyclopenta[a]naphthalene derivative according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterised in that

Z is a single bond, $-CF_2O-$, $-OCF_2-$, $-CF_2CF_2-$, -CH=CH-, -CF=CH-, -CH=CF- or -CF=CF-.

4. (Currently Amended) Cyclopenta[a]naphthalene derivative according to <u>claim 1</u> ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that

A is



5. (Currently Amended) Cyclopenta[a]naphthalene derivative according to claim 1 ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that

R is an alkyl radical, alkoxy radical or alkenyl radical having from 1 to 7 or 2 to 7 carbon atoms respectively.

6. (Currently Amended) Cyclopenta[a]naphthalene derivative according to claim 1 ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that

E^1 and E^2, independently of one another, are hydrogen, an alkyl radical or alkoxy radical having from 1 to 7 carbon atoms, fluorine, chlorine or $-(-Z-A-)_n-R$, in which n is 1, Z is a single bond, A is 1,4-cyclohexylene or optionally mono- or poly-fluorine-substituted 1,4-phenylene, and R is alkyl, alkoxy or alkenyl having from 1 to 7 or 2 to 7 carbon atoms respectively.

7. (Currently Amended) Cyclopenta[a]naphthalene derivative according to claim 1 ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that

at least one of X^1, X^2 and X^3 or at least one of X^{1a}, X^{1b}, X^2 and X^3 is $-CF_3$, fluorine or chlorine.

8. (Currently Amended) Cyclopenta[a]naphthalene derivative according to claim 1 ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that

X^1, X^2 and X^3 or X^{1a}, X^{1b}, X^2 and X^3 are $-CF_3$, fluorine and/or chlorine.

9. (Currently Amended) Cyclopenta[a]naphthalene derivative according to claim 1 ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that

X^1, X^2 and X^3 or X^{1a}, X^{1b}, X^2 and X^3 are fluorine.

10. (Currently Amended) Use of a cyclopenta[a]naphthalene derivative according to claim 1 ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~ in liquid-crystalline media.

11. (Currently Amended) Liquid-crystalline medium comprising at least two liquid-crystalline compounds, characterised in that it comprises at least one cyclopenta[a]naphthalene derivative according to claim 1 ~~at least one of Claims 1 to 9~~.

12. (Original) Electro-optical display element containing a liquid-crystalline medium according to Claim 11.